

The Army continued to march on with all possible Diligence, and having pass'd the River at those Places, form'd themselves; upon which Prince Eugene, who was arriv'd some time before at Hauterive, where he had design'd to pass, immediately join'd his Grace, it being before agreed, that whatever Body pass'd first, the next which got over should march up to it; and it having been resolv'd to attack the Troops entrench'd on the Hills before Audenarde, under the Command of Monsieur de Hauteferri, as soon as we had forc'd our Passage, his Grace and the Prince press'd on their march thither. As soon as the Enemy perceiv'd we were advancing to attack them, they began to retire in so much haste, that notwithstanding all the diligence we made, we could only come up to attack their Rear Guard, which we entirely dispers'd and broke, killing a great many, and taking near 800 Prisoners, besides a great deal of Baggage and their Broad Waggon's. In this Action our Loss did not exceed 30 Men killed and wounded; the Earl of Albemarle, Prince William of Hesse, and Count Maurice of Nassau had their Horses shot under them. We pursu'd the Enemy 'till it was dark, and encamp'd on the Hills near this Place. The Prince, with the Troops detach'd from the Siege, and 8 Battalions and 30 Squadrons of the Duke of Marlborough's Army, returns this Day to Lisle; and his Grace with the rest of his Troops march'd to Alost, in order to the immediate Relief of Brussels.

Brussels, November 29. N. S. The Enemy having form'd a Design to besiege this Place, the late Elector of Bavaria came into our Neighbourhood the 22d in the Evening, with a Body of about 8000 Men, and 16 Battering Cannon, and 12 Field-Pieces. Our Garrison consist'd of nine Battalions and 1000 Horse, under the Command of Lieutenant-General Paschal, to whom the late Elector sent a Trumpet, the 23d at Noon, to summon the Garrison to surrender, upon Pain of being made Prisoners of War. The Lieutenant-General answer'd, That he would act as a Man of Honour ought to do on the like Occasion; whereupon the Enemy encamp'd that Evening from the Villages of Ixel and Iterbeck to Scarbeck, within a quarter of a League of this Town. And on the 26th, in the Morning, they began to fire against the Walls near the Louvain Gate from a Battery of 8 Cannon and 2 Mortars; but four of those Cannon being dismounted by two new Batteries we had erected, their Fire ceas'd 'till about nine in the Evening, when a Detachment from the Trenches began a false Attack on the Counterscarp, near the Scarbeck Gate; and another Attack, at the same time, at the Louvain Gate; between which and the Namur Gate they forc'd the Pallisadoes several times, but were always repuls'd; and though the Fire last'd with the utmost Fury 'till the 27th, at nine in the Morning, the Enemy made only a small Lodgment on the Glacis, from whence they were driven by 100 Men of Sir Thomas Prendergast's Regiment, who distinguish'd themselves on this Occasion in an extraordinary manner. We had not above 300 Men killed and wounded in this Attack; but the Enemy lost above 2000 Men. The same Day the Beggars made an irregular Fire from their Battery 'till towards the Evening, without making any Breach; all things were dispos'd for sustaining a second Attack; but we receiv'd Advice, about one in the Morning, that the Enemy were retiring towards Namur with great Precipitation.

Brussels, Nov. 29. N. S. After forcing the Passage of the Schelde, and beating the Enemy from their Entrenchments before Audenarde, the Duke of Marlborough took Measures immediately for advancing towards this Place, which his Grace had continued Advices the Elector of Bavaria was pressing with the utmost vigour: By break of Day Yesterday Morning the Army was in Motion again; but to spare the Troops as much as possible, his Grace order'd the main Body to halt last Night at Omberg, and advanced with a Detachment of Horse and the two Battalions of Guards to Alost, to be so much the nearer the Enemy. Soon after his arrival there his Grace had an Account, that the Elector, upon the first Notice he had of our forcing our Passage of the Schelde, quitted the Siege with such Precipitation on Tuesday Night, that he left 16 Pieces of Cannon and two Mortars on the Batteries, with all the Ammunition, and 800 wounded Men in the Camp, and retir'd in great confusion towards Mons; whereupon his Grace came hither about 11 a Clock, to take Measures for sending a Supply of Ammunition and Stores to the Siege, and to

was received with great Acclamations of Joy, being met without the Gates by the Governor, General, and all the Chief Officers of the Garrison; he lighted at the Governor's House, where the Council of State, the States of Brabant, with the Magistracy, came immediately to make their Compliments of Thanks for their seasonable Deliverance.

From the Camp at Beirleghem, December 3. N. S. On the 1st Instant the Duke of Marlborough march'd with the Army under his Command from Alost, and encamp'd with the Right near Audenarde, and the Left near this Place. Lieutenant-General Dedem was order'd to advance, at the same time, with 20 Battalions, and to pass the Schelde at Audenarde; where he is encamp'd on the other side the River, to assist at the Works that are order'd to be made for the Security of that Place, and to be nearer at hand to march to the Siege, if occasion should require. His Grace, upon his arrival here, receiv'd an Account from Major-General Pallandt, that before Lieutenant-General Dompré could come to their Relief, our People at St. Gillain had been oblig'd to capitulate to be conducted to Mons 'till they are exchanged, and to save their Equipages; those of the Enemy that were taken in that Place, and could not be sent away, are likewise to remain Prisoners of War: Whereupon Monsieur Dompré, with his Detachment, is halt'd at Attre, and has Orders to assist in bringing from Aeth to Audenarde a great Convoy of Ammunition and Stores intended for Lisle. Prince Eugene has acquain'd his Grace, that the Batteries, on the second Counterscarp, were begun on Saturday; and that as soon as they were finish'd, he design'd to summon the Garrison in the Citadel to surrender. Lieutenant-General Hompech, who commands the 38 Squadrons and 8 Battalions which march'd with Prince Eugene the 28th, is encamp'd near Menin, from whence he will be ready to join his Highness, if there be occasion. Advices from the French Army say, that since our passing the Schelde they have been under the greatest Consternation, and that part of their Troops are march'd to Valenciennes. The Enemy having for some time past, on all occasions, violat'd their Passports to colour the same the King has by a Proclamation, dat'd the 12th of the last Month, revok'd all that have been granted, in hopes thereby to distress us the more, whereupon we have likewise recalled all given on our side. His Grace having order'd, that publick Thanks should be given to Almighty God for our happy Passage of the Schelde, and the Relief of Brussels; the same was yesterday very religiously observ'd through the whole Army.

St. James's, November 26. This Afternoon the Right Honourable the Earl of Hertford arriv'd here Express from his Grace the Duke of Marlborough to Her Majesty, with an Account that his Grace had pass'd the Schelde, and reliev'd the Town of Brussels, which was besieged by the late Elector of Bavaria. His Lordship was received by the Queen with great Distinction.

Her Majesty is pleas'd to direct, That all the Men belonging to her Ship the Guarland at Chatham, which are at or about London, do forthwith repair to their Duty aboard, otherwise they will be taken up and prosecuted as Deserters.

Her Majesty is pleas'd to direct, That all the Men which did belong to her late Ship the Sun Prize, and are now returned from France, do forthwith repair aboard her Ship the Diamond in Longreach, to serve in her; where they will receive the Wages due to them in the Sun Prize, aboard the said Ship Diamond, before she sails from the Body of the Port.

By the Receiver General for Prizes.
Notice is hereby given, That the Officers and Companies of Her Majesty's Ships *Non such*, will, on Monday the 6th, and the *Faulkland* on Wednesday the 8th of December next, be paid their Proportions of the Prize-Ships the Duke of Orleans, and the *Palme*, according to the Directions in her Majesty's most Gracious Declaration for the Encouragement of her Ships of War, &c.

The Court of Managers of the united East-India Company do hereby give Notice, That the time for paying in the Ten per Cent. call'd in by the General Court of the Old Company the 18th of this Instant November from their Adventurers; and the Fifteen per Cent. call'd in by the General Court of the New Company the same Day from their Adventurers, for which they are to have the united Company's Bonds at Six per Cent. per Ann. Interest, to be repaid the last of July, 1709. and the Dividends so much of the Adventurers as shall pay in the same, will continue to the 20th of December next, and no longer.